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Marquette Interchange Coordination Team Meeting Minutes September 8, 2005

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September 8, 2005 at 10 a.m., Amtrak Station

The meeting was held in the East Conference Room of the Amtrak Station located at 433 West St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting started at 10 a.m. and concluded at 11:50 a.m.

Introductions: The meeting began with introductions of participants in Phase II of the Marquette Project Coordination Meeting.

Corrections to the August 11, 2005, minutes were made during the meeting and will be posted on the Web site:

Martha Love: Martha's efforts at WAICO, Environmental Services for the City of Milwaukee, Labor Fest, Unity Caucus, and other community efforts continue to provide information on the Marquette Interchange project. Positive comments are conveyed with the key indicator being project awareness and a well-informed community. Stakeholders continue to receive Get Around Guides, but always looking to improve, Martha and Versant teamed up to create a flyer focusing on project effects in the neighborhood and how it could effect individuals at various times during the project. Martha enlisted Michele Carter - BEES, and Kitty Reed, Brian Manthey and Ryan Luck of the Marquette Team to discuss Phase 2 on her TV production aired on Channel 14.

Laura Goranson: Laura and Abrazo coordination for 5th & 6th street concerns were confirmed with a letter affirming the mitigation reached by stakeholders. Ramp closures and diversion routes continue to be received well. Laura shared future closures, diversions and ongoing outreach. In addition, she confirmed Versant as the lead Public Information firm for Phase 2.

Nancy Hernandez: Abrazo outreach to south side grocery stores, fiestas, churches and schools in addition to distribution of MQIC material, radio promotions and on air interviews continues. The use of the UCC lot to coordinate displaced parkers on 5th and 6th streets will be assisted through a community flyer that will be distributed to residents and business owners along this route, highlighting changes to parking and traffic.

Upcoming events include the USHCC Convention in September, UMOs Mexican Independence Parade and Festival and the Hispanic Heritage Parade.

Shannon Novotny: Versant passed around a mock-up of the next Get around Guide, (GAG) and announced October 2 as the next GAG distribution. Radio, TV, the KEY magazine, will continue their runs through September and part of October. The next media plan is in the development stages. This plan will include a through look at potential use of local multi-cultural publications. Shannon suggested their desire to integrate the neighborhood subconsultants into this review to provide comments and suggestions for the proposed media choices.

Carl Madsen: Milwaukee BID #21 indicated no Transit Fairs will be held in September, however two are scheduled in November. Information kiosks will be at the last Jazz in the Park, the Summer Sizzle and at the Farmers Market in late October.

Distributed materials, brochures and updates, continue with the GAG as the most requested piece. The Gospel Music Convention held in mid-August had a good turn out with the PSA's enjoying frequent visitors.

Kitty Reed: Kitty provided an update on the Career Awareness Project. Starting with a safety orientation from Steve Lafkas, AON- the resident Marquette Safety Coordinator- 6-8th graders enjoyed various tours of the project, the Wells St. Bridge demolition & rebuild video, Q&A sessions, and an informative materials demonstration. Meyer Materials donned each camper with hats and Walsh provided the safety vests. As in the past, the event was a success enjoyed by both the teens and volunteers.

South Leg and Core project awards were made to Marquette Constructors on September 1, 2005. DBE percentage submittals have not been finalized.

The Storm Water Diversion project had no successful bidders and will be let again on December 13, 2005 with a DBE goal of 30%.

The Traffic Mitigation Project #4's pavement-marking portion was fulfilled by NES, a subcontractor on the North Project. WisDOT is waiting for Walsh's reply if they will complete less critical items within this project. The North Leg 20% goal will apply to these then contract modifications.

To date: West Leg DBE payments – 14.51%; North Leg DBE payments 23.4%.

Still to be bid on are six separate small contracts including landscaping, staining, and ramp improvements.

Timothy Staats: USDOL had logged 353,000 work hours to date. Work hours have been generated by 12 construction prime contracts, 7 currently closed and 5 still active. The South and Core Projects will number 13 and 14 respectively. Labor for Minorities equates to almost 23% and women slowly increasing to 3.48%. The largest project participation has been on the North project, averaging 26% participation per month, but also had 4 months that reached over 30%!

Females fall short due to not enough participation in the trades. Of the 127 + skill sets identified, crane operators are the most needed yet hardest to fill. Walsh, North leg prime, has 8 women employed, 2 operators and 6 labors all mostly from the TrANS program.

USDOL investigated from afar to determine if contractor reporting matched what could be visually confirmed on the project. At first glance it was difficult to verify women and minorities but with some technical viewing equipment, participation was corroborated.

Donna Eurick: After receiving a telephone complaint from a driver whose windshield collided with a softball size stone, Donna successfully directed them to Steve Lafkus, AON, Marquette Safety Coordinator. Steve immediately began to manage the issue and provided the proper assistance. Please feel free to provide contact information for Steve Lafkus at 414.225.0023-office or 414.234.7564-cell for similar Marquette project related instances.